



## **Advice on Cleaning Healthcare Facilities and other Businesses to Help Prevent the Spread of Influenza A H1N1 (Swine Flu)**

The Influenza A H1N1 virus (Swine flu) is most often spread from one person to another through respiratory droplets from coughs and sneezes.

The virus probably does not survive very long on surfaces. Follow your normal flu season cleaning and disinfection strategy. Use your regular detergent-based cleaners or EPA-registered disinfectants according to product directions.

Frequently wipe down commonly touched surfaces such as stairway railings, telephones, door handles and elevator buttons.

Follow your normal routine in managing laundry, utensils and medical waste.

Additional, extensive cleaning such as wiping down floors and walls is not necessary. There's no evidence to suggest this would help decrease the spread of H1N1.

Get more information at [http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/gl\\_environinfection.html](http://www.cdc.gov/ncidod/dhqp/gl_environinfection.html).